

**Opening Hymn**

O come, O come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, v. 1-2

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

**BCP 614**

1 you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, OLORD.

7 Gracious and upright is theLORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of theLORDare love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## Second Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

## The Gospel

## Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beaver

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,  
Father, the Almighty,  
of heaven and earth,  
all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
only Son of God,  
begotten of the Father,  
from God, Light from Light,  
God from true God,  
, not made,  
one Being with the Father.  
him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven:  
the power of the Holy Spirit  
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
was made man.  
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
suffered death and was buried.  
the third day he rose again  
accordance with the Scriptures;  
ascended into heaven  
is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
has spoken through the Prophets.  
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
look for the resurrection of the dead,  
the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Celebrant God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence.  
*(Please add your own prayers for those in need)*  
God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name before you now:  
*(Please add your own prayers for those who have died)*  
God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters.  
*(Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving)*  
God of the watching, God of the waiting,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for a dream to be born that you may give them patience of heart and mind and the wisdom to see your presence.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All *Merciful God,  
always with us, always coming:  
We confess having done so little with so much.  
Forgive us Lord,  
For not bending the knee,  
For not reading your Word,  
For not searching our hearts,  
For not facing our sins.  
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God  
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,  
We may have a fresh sense of your presence  
And a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Offertory Anthem** *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

**Paul Manz**

Sung by the Christ Church Choir

*At the presentation:*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,  
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP 367**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(the Celebrant continues until...)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Sanctus**

**Hymnal S-130**

*(the Celebrant continues until...)*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*(the Celebrant continues until...)*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread** **Agnus Dei**

**Hymnal S-164**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Communion** - All are welcome at Christ's Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your heart.

**Communion Hymn** Watchman, tell us of the night

**Hymnal 640**

**Post-Communion Prayer      BCP 365**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.  
**All**      **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn      Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding      Hymnal 59**

**Dismissal**

**Liturgist** The light has come and the darkness has not overcome it.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall**

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**Praise God for those who Serve Today**

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<b>Acolyte:</b>	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Deborah Schmid and Ian Johnson</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Charlie &amp; Jackie Bolden <i>in honor of their grandson's baptism</i></b>
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<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**11:00 AM — NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

Welcome to Christ Church. We are happy to have you here with us today. Let this bulletin be your guide through our service. The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals located in the pews. Parts of the service, where designated, can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), also in the pews.

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